

Policies & Programs Needed to Ensure PrEP Access Nationwide

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Why Uptake Hasn't Been Better

- ▶ Should not be the cost of the drug
 - ▶ Low-cost generics & available for free
- ▶ Insufficient federal government outreach program to community & providers
- ▶ No payer for lab services for the uninsured
- ▶ CDC just beginning to allow state grantees to pay for PrEP services
 - ▶ Limited level & not for the Rx
 - ▶ Has been available for EHE grants (not Rx)
 - ▶ Need grantee accountability

Why Uptake Hasn't Been Better

- ▶ Zero cost sharing for private insurance recently went into effect
 - ▶ Federal Government slow to issue guidance
 - ▶ Insurers aren't in compliance
 - ▶ People still being charged
- ▶ Daily pill w/ follow-up visits (up until now)
- ▶ Stigma

What Can be Done to Scale Up PrEP

- ▶ National PrEP Grant Program
 - ▶ To meet current and future needs
- ▶ CDC Must allow grantees to Spend more on PrEP
- ▶ Continued Community Health Center Funding
 - ▶ \$102 million to 271 Centers
 - ▶ Must expand to all 1,400
 - ▶ 389,000 PrEP Patients at 925 Centers
 - ▶ Need better data

Private Insurance

- ▶ **Current Requirements Must be Enforced**
 - ▶ Drug Formularies Checked
 - ▶ Improved Transparency for Prevention Drugs
 - ▶ State Insurance Commissioner's must take action
- ▶ **New Drugs Quickly Reviewed by USPSTF**
 - ▶ CCIIO Guidance Updated
 - ▶ Continued Enforcement

Medicaid & Medicare

- ▶ State Medicaid Programs cover PrEP & labs
 - ▶ Very low cost-sharing, if any
 - ▶ But many states not expanded Medicaid to all low-income individuals
- ▶ PrEP Covered under Medicare Part D
 - ▶ All ARV's must be covered
 - ▶ Beneficiary cost-sharing applies

National PrEP Grant Program Legislation

- ▶ **PrEP Assistance Program Act ([HR 5605](#))**
- ▶ Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)
- ▶ Establishes \$400 million/year for:
 - ▶ Community & Provider Outreach
 - ▶ PrEP & associated services for uninsured & underinsured
- ▶ Eligible entities:
 - ▶ States, tribes, cities, FQHCs, family planning centers, rural health clinics, CBOs, Ryan White Program Clinics

National PrEP Grant Program Legislation

- ▶ PrEP Access and Coverage Act ([S 3295](#), [HR 6117](#))
- ▶ Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN) & Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA)
- ▶ Establishes Separate Grant Programs for Community & Provider Outreach
 - ▶ No specified dollar amount
- ▶ PrEP & associated services for uninsured & underinsured
- ▶ Same list of eligible entities

PrEP Access and Coverage Act: Additional Components

- ▶ No cost-sharing for all PrEP Rx's & associated services by all payers (Private Insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Indian Health, TriCare)
 - ▶ No prior authorizations
- ▶ No discrimination in disability, long-term care, life insurance for PrEP users
- ▶ Education campaign by HHS Secretary
- ▶ Protects privacy of PrEP users on family plan

Appropriations

- ▶ Whatever is authorized still must be funded
- ▶ Can establish grant program through appropriations, especially if build on existing programs
- ▶ 111 HIV & LGBTQ orgs. sent [letter](#) to President Biden in support of \$400 million national PrEP grant program in FY23 budget

Letter to President Biden

- ▶ Build on existing CDC & FQHC programs
- ▶ Utilize, as appropriate
 - ▶ Existing payers
 - ▶ No cost-sharing for private insurance
 - ▶ Generic drugs
 - ▶ Free Rx programs
 - ▶ 340B program
- ▶ If created under “STD Clinic/Section 318” authority any grantee, including Ryan White Program clinics, can use 340B and pay for & conduct PrEP activities

Thank you!

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